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To Whom It May Concern:

I was fired from the NYPost February 13, 2008. While waiting for my unemployment benefits to kick in I began looking for work. I went on a few interviews, nothing came of them. My 26 weeks of original benefits ended around August or so. Before I had a chance to worry, the first extension came into being. This took me to about October, when I went on what was to be my last interview for quite some time. While waiting to find out whether I got that job the government came to the rescue with the second extension. This one lasted until mid-January, when I found out that the job I had interviewed for in October no longer existed due to job cuts. Between mid-January and all of February I lived on a credit card hoping to buy time while continuing to look. The third extension was enacted. I decided to take some classes in an effort to enhance my skills and make me more employable. These classes I put on my credit card. I lost track as to when that one ended but, thankfully, there was a fourth extension. This one ended in the beginning of April. For the first time since October 2008 I went on an interview later that month. As I do not qualify for the 5th extension that was passed in May after collecting for 99 weeks I have been living on some money I came into, all the while waiting to hear from the latest job I interviewed for, which is on hold. The money I am currently living on will run out in July/August. While I would prefer to work, a new extension would once again buy precious time so the job search can continue. I hope that you can help us "99ers" with a new extension so that we can continue to look for work without having to worry about where our next meal will come from and to keep a roof over our heads. Thank you for listening.

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